

## **Michigan Railroad Corridors Preserved for Future Transportation Use and Interim Trail Use**

Federal – corridors that are railbanked under federal statute (Section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 1983)

- 1) Montague to Berry Junction Trail, 11.69 miles, Muskegon County – DNR ownership
- 2) Hillman to Alpena Trail – Paxton Spur, 8.02 miles, Alpena County – DNR ownership
- 3) Marquette to Munising Junction Trail, 37.3 miles, Alger & Marquette Counties – DNR ownership
- 4) Marquette West Connector, 3.56 miles, Marquette County – DNR ownership
- 5) Alpena to Mackinaw Trail (NEST), 26.05 miles, Alpena & Presque Isle Counties – DNR ownership
- 6) Rogers City Trail, 12.6 miles, Presque Isle County – DNR ownership
- 7) State Forest Trail – Republic to Humboldt Junction (IOHT), 7.0 miles remain – 1.9 miles reactivated to rail service, Marquette County – DNR ownership
- 8) Ionia to Lowell RR Corridor, 15.83 miles, Ionia & Kent Counties – DNR ownership
- 9) Grand River Edges, 0.9 miles, Kent County – DNR ownership
- 10) Fred Meijer Flat Valley Rail Trail – Lowell to Greenville, 21.88 miles, Kent, Ionia, and Montcalm Counties – DNR ownership
- 11) Iron Mountain Connector, 1.35 miles, Dickinson County – DNR ownership
- 12) Fred Meijer Heartland Trail, 4.5 miles, Gratiot County – Owned by the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail
- 13) Ontonagon to Rockland Railroad Corridor, 13.25 miles, Ontonagon County – DNR ownership

**199.33 miles total – Federal**

The DNR is currently working to railbank two additional corridors in the following counties:  
Kent and Van Buren.

State – corridors preserved for future use under Michigan statute (Act 295, the State Transportation Preservation Act of 1976)

- 1) White Pine Trail State Park, 92.79 miles, Kent, Montcalm, Mecosta, Oscoda, & Wexford Counties – DNR ownership
- 2) Betsie Valley Trail, 21.11 miles, Benzie County – DNR ownership – MDOT retained ownership to a 2.87 mile segment
- 3) Thompsonville – Viaduct Road Trail, 8.46 miles, Benzie & Manistee Counties – DNR ownership
- 4) **Ionia to Owosso Rail Corridor**, 41.23 miles, Shiawassee, Clinton, & Ionia Counties – MDOT ownership
- 5) Escanaba to Hermansville RR Corridor, 23.76 miles, Delta & Menominee Counties – DNR ownership
- 6) Marquette West Connector Extension, 0.31 miles, Marquette County – MDOT owns railroad rights, DNR owns fee

- 7) Baraga to Lake Linden, Baraga & Houghton Counties (Soo Line/Mineral Range corridor only)
  - a. Baraga to Arnheim, 10.71 miles – MDOT owns railroad rights, DNR owns fee
  - b. Arnheim to Chassell, 5.77 miles – MDOT owns railroad rights, DNR owns fee
  - c. **Chassell to Houghton Rail Corridor** (boundary of MTU), 7.27 miles – MDOT owns railroad rights, DNR owns fee
  - d. Houghton – Hancock – MDOT owns railroad and some fee
  - e. Hancock – Ripley, 2.47 miles – MDOT owns railroad rights, DNR owns fee
  - f. Ripley – Lake Linden – MDOT ownership
- 8) **The Harger Line Rail Trail**, 10.2 miles, Saginaw County – MDOT ownership

**224.08 miles total – State**

**423.41 miles total – Federal & State**

In the works

**Elmdale to Lowell Rail Corridor**, 6.6 miles – Kent & Ionia Counties – MDOT to hold title – will contain elements under both the federal (1.66 miles) and state acts (5.0 miles). When acquired, this segment will become a segment of the Iron Belle Trail.

Corridors in **bold** fall under the 2009 MOA, as amended, between the MDOT and DNR.